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On February 1, 2012, the Governor dissolved redevelopment agencies in California. As a result, greater reliance is placed on local government planning policies and procedures to assure that housing needs, jobs creation and economic growth continues to occur. For this reason, the General Plan Update will have even greater significance with respect to the economy now that redevelopment agencies no longer exist. Equally important will be the area wide plans addressing communities and groups of communities throughout the unincorporated area. These area plans, developed with the input of the affected communities, along with the General Plan Update, must be subjected to environmental review under CEQA.

Historically, the Department of Regional Planning has conducted separate EIR's for its area wide plans. However, the department recently bundled EIR's for area wide plans with the longstanding General Plan Update. There is a growing community concern that a challenge to a bundled single General Plan Update EIR based on an issue particular to an area wide plan would halt full implementation of the General Plan Update, thereby impacting housing proposed, job centers proposed, or even important transit projects in other parts of the unincorporated portions of the County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that County Counsel report back within 30 days on whether the Department of Regional Planning could pursue separate EIR's for each area wide plan rather than relying solely on the EIR for the General Plan Update. Additional issues should be addressed in the report such as the cost of such an EIR for an area wide plan and the timing for the preparation of such an EIR.

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